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Jr. North Americans

By Tom Starck



'91 Junior Champion Crew. Bob Edenbach, Randy Shore and Skipper Jay Miles (Far Right).

Photo by Sally Atkins

The Jr. North Americans was fun right from the beginning. Newport, R.I. is a great place to have the regatta and to meet new people. The facilities were perfect and measurements went smoothly. The race chairman did an excellent job getting all the boats organized and ready for racing.

Although my crew, Martha Wilson and Guy Adema, and I practiced over the summer we were not as successful as Jay Miles and his crew. Jay sailed very fast in the first four races and walked away with the regatta by sailing a 1st, 1st, 2nd, 1st. We were second with a 3rd, 2nd, 4th, 3rd. At this point we found ourselves 9 points behind Jay and had a few people just behind us. Warren Emblidge and Alan Krauss were also very close in finishing second and third. So we had to win the 5th race and put 4-5 boats between Jay and us.

Our plan was working until the last leg of the race. Alan Krauss started tacking with us and finally passed us about 50 yards from the finish line. This mistake cost us the regatta. We finished 2nd in the race and Jay finished 6th. At this

point Jay had the regatta won. We had 2nd place tied up and Warren Emblidge sailed an impressive last race to win third place in the regatta. Even though Jay ended up 1st, he is now too old to participate in the 1992 Junior Worlds. This puts myself and Warren Emblidge next in line to participate and represent the United States in the Jr. Worlds in Chile.

I would like to congratulate Jay on a terrific regatta and to Warren for qualifying for the Jr. Worlds, and to everyone else for participating. It sure makes the regatta much more fun when many boats and people enter. I hope to see even more people at the next Jr. North Americans at the Buffalo Canoe Club. I'm sure it will be great sailing and a lot of fun.

Finally I would like to thank my brother Dave for making it possible for us to participate in this regatta. Dave lent me his car, boat, and sails for the month and really helped me out in planning for this regatta. Also I would like to thank my crew who did a great job in getting me around the course and dealing with the current and tides. You guys are great.

Thank you everybody and I hope to see everyone next August at the Buffalo Canoe Club.



1991 Junior Runner-Up Tom Starck.

Junior Championship — 1991

Pos.	Sail #	Skipper/Hometown & Crew	Races						Pts.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	13886	Jay Miles, Newport, RI; Bob Edenbach, Randy Shore	1	1	2	1	(6)	5	10
2	14176	Thomas Starck, Buffalo, NY; Guy Adema, Martha Wilson	3	2	4	3	2	(8)	14
3	14286	Warren Emblidge, Orchard Park, NY; Sam DeCastro, Mimi May	4	5	3	2	(7)	2	16
4	14119	Alan Krauss, Midland, MI; Tim Fallon, Dan O'Connor	(9)	4	1	6	1	7	19
5	14396	Judah Rubin, Augusta, GA; Beau Samuelson, Carr Boyd	2	3	(6)	5	3	6	19
6	14148	Bill Thomas, Bowling Green, OH; Mike Thomas, Jeffery Steinwachs	5	(11)	5	4	10	4	28
7	14424	Joseph Buckzkowski, Mantlaoking, NJ; Chris Arner, Gerard Kinzel	8	(12)	12	7	5	1	33
8	14191	Greg Millar, Williamsville, NY; Frank Ernst, Rich Castellini	6	(9)	9	9	8	3	35
9	14397	Chad Atkins, Rochester, NY; Steven Cox, Jim Barnash	7	7	8	8	9	(10)	39
10	13947	William Carrier, Washington, DC; Rob Wardwell, N. Currier	11	8	11	DSQ	4	9	43
11	14013	Tobi Heisler, Kirkwood, MO; Bart Snyder, Christie Aljets	12	14	7	11	11	DSQ	55
12	14410	Pascal Buckley, Eggertsville, NY; John O'Donnell, Todd Stevater	(13)	6	13	13	12	12	56
13	14180	Mike Buezkowski, Mantlaoking, NJ; Todd Pearce, Harold Herbert	15	10	10	10	DNS	DNS	62
14	14031	Keith Shaw, Troy, MI; Kevin Doherty, Richard Beaubain	(14)	13	14	12	13	11	63
15	10356	Kathleen Toeke, Hamburg, NY; Dan Williams, Jeffery Steinwachs	10	16	16	PMS	14	13	69
16	12489	Dov Estroff, Augusta, GA; Jeremy Packer, Graham Codington	16	15	15	14	DNF	DNS	77

Womens' North Americans

By Betsy Alison

After months of anticipation, August finally rolled around and with it came the migration of Lightnings to Newport for the North Americans. The first wave brought the Women, Master and Junior participants eager for some "typical" Newport conditions and some great sailing. As we all registered and measured, it gave us time to meet each other. Ready to race, six teams of women sailed out to the race course anticipating the challenges awaiting on Narragansett Bay.

On the first day of racing, we went north of Gould Island. Because of the full moon, the current was strong and we knew it would play a big part in the races that day. The winds were out of the S-SW and fairly light. Wendy, Kathryn and I discussed the conditions and decided that it would be important to protect the right side of the course for a variety of reasons; we anticipated the breeze to strengthen and go more westerly as it built and the current would be more favorable to the right upwind (it would be behind us).

In Race one, the wind was unstable and shifty, with the breeze coming down in lines. The first major shift was a right hander, and enabled us to get ahead. We rounded the mark first, followed by Christy, Tammi, Judy, Janice and Julie. The reaches became fairly free because of the current, and the breeze came on a bit, but by the time we got to the leeward mark, the wind got very light and flukey — in fact it almost died completely. Christy carried a private puff that allowed her to motor through us to leeward, but Wendy and Kathryn saw a HUGE right breeze line coming (the Juniors had it) and we drifted our way in the direction of the breeze, tacking away from Christy. When the breeze filled, both the beat and run turned quickly into reaches, and by getting to the right of Christy, Tammi was able to move into second. The final beat to the finish was shifty as the line was up under the shore, but positions held as follows: Betsy, Tammi, Christy, Judy, Janice, Julie.

Race two saw the breeze settle in from the south and build. The current now was very strong. Because of the course location (more to the left than Race 1), the current was more favorable upwind on the left because of the shipping channel. The legs in this race were very long. We battled it out with Christy on the first beat, playing the shifts. We were able to eke out a small lead by the first mark, followed by Christy, Tammi, Janice, Judy and Julie. On the reaches, Christy pulled within 3 or 4 boatlengths of us, but on the second beat we stretched out, helped by the current and shifts. On the second triangle, the fleet spread way out (Julie had some boat problems and had to retire) and by the time we finished, it was Betsy, Christy, Tammi, Janice and Judy.

Day two dawned with some clouds and a bit of showers in the early forecast. We started racing in foul weather gear, but by the end of the 1st weather leg in Race 3 in light shifty conditions, we began to overheat and peel off layers. The wind again was southerly, but racing on this day took place just north of the Newport Bridge. The current was going out and big puffs were coming off the Jamestown shore. The 1st beat of Race 3 was very light and shifty. We crossed tacks with Tammi many times, the lead changing hands. Fortunately, for us we got the final shift and lead at the mark.



*Betsy with a handful of place flags.
Is she happy or what?*

Because of the strong current, the first reach turned into a run and the fleet compressed together. By now, the haze and cloud cover was burning off and it was developing into a nice day. We tried to sail very conservatively, staying between the fleet and the mark at all times while playing the shifts. Behind us, people were jockeying for positions in the shifts, and at the end it was Betsy, Tammi, Christy, Judy, Janice and Julie.

By Race 4 it was sunny and warm. What a surprise; same wind direction, just a different race! All our pre-race preparation in checking out the breeze made us "think left", but after watching the Juniors start, we changed our game plan dramatically, started at the boat and immediately tacked right. We did this because the current relief in front of Gould Island seemed pretty substantial, going left meant heading out into the shipping channel and strong adverse current. Alas, everyone caught on and worked their way right — we battled it out tack for tack with Christy in very shifty conditions with the breeze coming and going with no rhyme or reason. We squeaked around first, overlapped with Christy and pulled away on the reaches. Janice was third, Judy fourth and Tammi 5th. On the second windward of an Olympic, we conservatively sailed the puffs up the middle; Tammi and Christy did the same. Janice and Judy however, went hard left and picked up an amazing shift with velocity almost reaching into the mark. We were just able to hold them off as we set the chute for the run. Christy and Tammy fell back to 4th and 5th. Our game plan was to start between the competition and the mark. The most amazing "fancy footwork" in this race was done by Tammi. After passing

Christy on the run, she worked the final beat just right. Judy went left again and Tammi outstaked Janice to capture 2nd, followed by Judy in 4th and Christy 5th.

Day three dawned bright and sunny with the promise of some wind. Again, the wind was out of the S-SW direction. At least our compass numbers were becoming very familiar. We started against the current in a fairly "normal" shifting breeze. There weren't any huge holes like the two previous days. We had a good start and jumped out to an early lead. The fleet sorted itself out pretty early on around the track and positions didn't change much. At the line, it was Betsy, Christy, Tammi, Janice and Judy.

The real battle had now taken form. Second overall was at stake and it would all come down to the last race. If Christy finished ahead of Tammi, it would go to a tie breaker — who would come away victorious?

After the start, Tammi, Judy and Janice went toward the left side of the course with Christy more in the middle. Christy initially looked good until her breeze faded. Tammi was able to cross Christy and consolidate. Christy followed Tammi around the mark and it was a follow the leader —

Tammy, Christy, Judy, Janice until the breeze filled at the top of the second beat. Now things got exciting. Towards the end of the run, the breeze started to fade, the boats behind were catching the front runners and the Women were catching the Juniors. Christy moved to within 1 boat length of Tammi. The race was on! Tammi slipped around the mark just ahead of some Juniors, and Christy was forced to give them room at the mark. As they sailed up the final beat, the breeze filled in and Tammi pulled away and loose-covered Christy to win. Janice worked right to pass Judy for third.

Despite the small fleet at this year's Women's N.A.'s, it was a great group to sail with and against. It gave us an opportunity to get to know some new faces and consolidate existing friendships. The comraderie among the women's teams is quite unique and sharing of information is commonplace.

Many thanks to my team mates, Wendy and Kathryn, for a job well done, and to the other competitors for making the regatta a lot of fun. I'm certainly looking forward to "shuffling off to Buffalo" for next year's event!

Women's Championship — 1991

Pos.	Sail #	Skipper/Hometown & Crew	Races						Pts.
			1	2	3	4	5	6	
1	14296	Betsy Alison, Newport, RI; Wendy Lotz, Kathryn Josenhans	1	1	1	1	1	DNS	5
2	14185	Tammi Jamison, Glens Falls, NY; Sandra Schrader, Lori Foster	2	(3)	2	2	3	1	10
3	13888	Christine Jones, Marblehead, MA; Barbara Nickerson, Laura Hopkins	3	2	3	(5)	2	2	12
4	11504	Janice Lange, Essex Junction, VT; Laura Milne, Vicki Carr	(5)	4	5	3	4	3	19
5	14291	Judith Walker, Snyder, NY; Amy Beisel, Amy Simonson	4	(5)	4	4	5	4	21
6	14451	Julee Roth, Keego Harbor, MI; Devon Rose, Cindy Lewis	6	DNF	6	6	DNS	DNS	32

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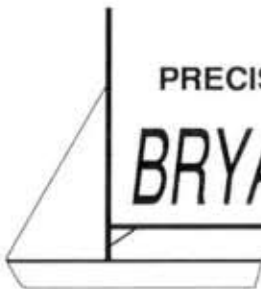
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North American Master's

By George Fisher

The 1991 North American Master's Championship was a well-organized and well-run regatta; the conditions were ideal; the race committee work was very impressive and professional and the race conditions turned out to be, through no one's fault, the best over the two-week period.

I was fortunate to have an excellent crew in my daughter-in-law, Lisa, Matt's wife, and Tom Emch, a commercial pilot who sails his own Lightning in Memphis. I'm sure Lisa felt like she was sailing two Series, the Masters in Newport and also the Pan Ams in Cuba since Matt was in Cuba racing at the time.

There was a practice race on Tuesday afternoon which, I believe, was in as ideal sailing conditions as you could ever expect anywhere. Unfortunately, the Masters' Series lost, one of the popular favorites in this Series, Manuel Gonzalez, who suffered chest pains immediately after sailing a very good race. He was unable to return to the sailing site, although it is my understanding that he is now doing very well.

The practice race was sailed south of Gould Island and north of the bridge, with the current going out in a 10-12 mph breeze. These were excellent conditions! Lal Burridge, who kept charging throughout the race, passed everyone on the last beat to win, followed closely by Manuel, who had been leading in the race up to that time.

Lal proved that this was no fluke by winning the first race of the Series, which was sailed north of Gould Island. This was another day of fine sailing in spite of a 30 degree shift to the west at the end of the first time around. Bob Mathers jumped out to an early lead, and it looked like he was going to win going away. Bennie Moultrie found the weather mark second ahead of us. When the shift came in, we lucked into first and Bob dropped to third. There was some real shuffling from that point and, again, Lal made his charge, took over the lead going into the last beat and held it to the finish. We had seen second at the drop, at one time fell back to seventh going in to the finish, and were happy to finish

fourth. Moultrie finished second, closely followed by John McIntosh, who had moved up to second and held it throughout most of the race.

The current in these races was always a factor and couldn't be ignored. In the Masters' races, it was always going with us on the beat, but at the same time, as each race progressed you had to keep an eye on the thermal twist to the right. The first race was especially interesting because on the last beat after the wind went right, the inclination was to go further right to get the starboard lift from the shore, but then you were sailing out of the favorable current. This, I think, is what caused a lot of shuffling on the last weather leg.

The second race was sailed on the same course as the practice race with the same wind direction and current, but with less velocity. Sandy Huntsman won this going away, with John Hughes just behind us. McIntosh and Burridge finished fourth and fifth, so going into the last race we had a three-way tie for first with Burridge and McIntosh.

The third race was sailed on the same course as the second race with the wind a little bit more west, 6-8 mph. The first beat was toward shore which really took some head scratching. Lal rounded first with Cal Schmiede just behind us. On the second beat, Lal let us go, and we caught something on the right that he didn't get and held the lead the rest of the way. Lal sailed an excellent Series, Sandy Huntsman recovered from a disastrous ninth in the first race to finish third by breaking the tie with John McIntosh.

Lisa and Tom did a superb job and really kept us in the Series. Tom is a genius with a compass, and Lisa was great especially with the spinnaker. Most importantly, we had fun sailing together.

It was a good Series with great sailors and good conditions. You can't beat that; and if you qualify, you ought to sail in it. I can assure you that you'll have a good time because you're with great people who know how to sail hard and also have a good time.

I hope to see you in Buffalo!

Masters Championship — 1991

Pos.	Sail #	Skipper/Hometown & Crew	Races			Pts.
			1	2	3	
1	14345	George Fisher, Hilliard, OH; Lisa Fisher, Tom Emch	4	2	1	7
2	14229	R. G. (Lal) Burridge, St. Louis, MO; Jim Carson, Mark Kniepman	1	5	2	8
3	14482	Sandy Huntsman, Rumson, NJ; Jack Huntsman, Denis Farley	9	1	6	16
4	13911	John McIntosh, Hilton Head, SC; Anne Allen, Dave Copestick	3	4	9	16
5	14255	Dick Hallagan, Newark, NY; Len Tiedemann, Sterling Brown	8	10	4	22
6	14369	David Bull, Cazenovia, NY; David Bull, Jr., Richard Tuttle	10	7	5	22
7	14275	John Hughes, Salem, NH; Brian Hughes, Nancy Peace	11	3	8	22
8	14490	Bob Mathers, Livonia, MI; Rick Crane, Bob Show	7	6	10	23
9	14126	Bennie Moultrie, Augusta, SC; Bill Kerley, Walton Usher	2	9	12	23
10	13944	Cal Schmiede, Lewiston, NY; Larissa Higgins, David Cox	6	16	3	25
11	14488	Crit Currie, Memphis, TN; Audrey Matteson, Robert Harkrider	5	8	16	29
12	13977	James Gilbert, Alexandria, VA; Chandler Owen, Bettina Sloman	12	17	7	36
13	14273	Norman Deyett, Windham, NH; Jim Mann, John Ingenoski	13	14	13	40
14	13856	John Pelosi, Wake Forest, NC; Richard Waters, Ethan Waters	14	13	14	41
15	14220	Allan Whatley, Teaneck, NJ; Sue Thomas, Tom Niles	15	15	11	41
16	14004	Don Sherburne, Nashville, TN; Bob Hochstetler, Tim Green	16	11	15	42
17	13082	R. Neal Smith, Rochester, NY; Eva Smith, John Atkins	17	12	17	46
18	14459	Manual Gonzalez B., Santiago, Chile; Eduardo Whitting, Bonnie Shore	DNS	DNS	DNS	57

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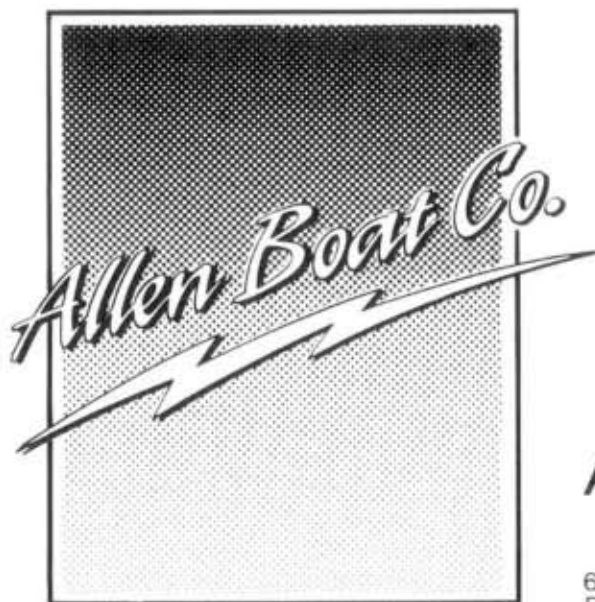
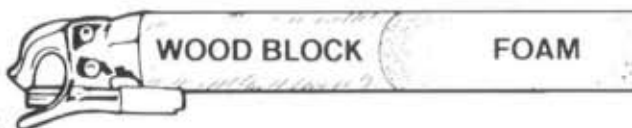
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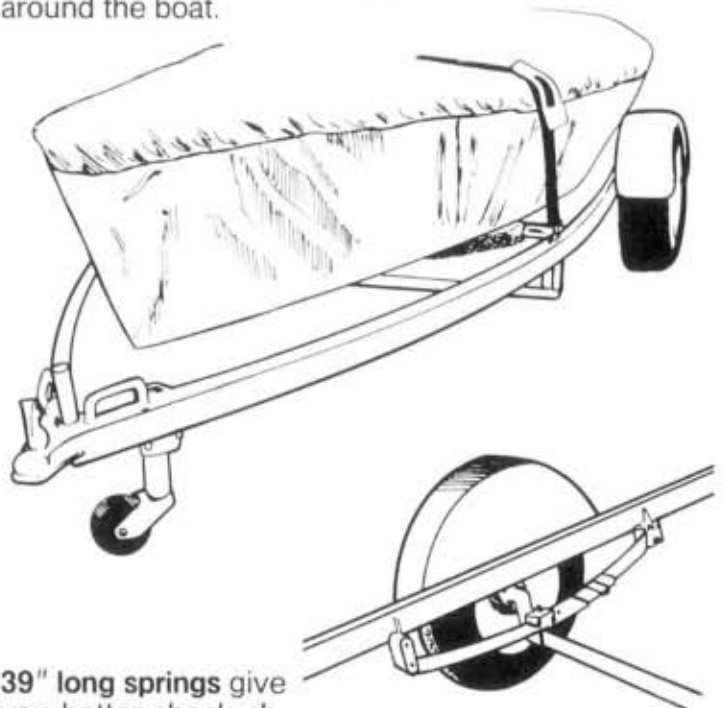
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